



So much space and so little to write about. This is the dead zone of the sporting year. Fittingly, the Cavaliers, Cleveland State Vikings and Ohio State Buckeyes combined with Mother Nature to contribute mightily toward that deathly and desolate image that February is famous for in Northeast Ohio.

But there's life elsewhere. In Goodyear, AZ the 2012 Tribe is in an embryonic stage. After a 7-week gestation period in the desert we'll start to see what that baby looks like. So we have that look to forward to.

Ifs and Buts...

If you start with the thinking that the Indians are roughly a .500 team based on last season I'm not sure it's unfair to say that with some growth here and some development there, along with some good fortune, that they can't be an 86-88 win team that challenges for a wild card spot in the American League.

But damn if it's not a lot of optimistic prognosticating that goes into those 88 wins. To wit:





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